

**WORKSHEET 7  
CHECKLIST FOR A PRESCRIBED GRAZING PLAN  
PRESCRIBED GRAZING (CODE 528)**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Farm No./Tract No.:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Field Number(s):</b>
<b>Cost-Share Program:</b>	<b>Contract Number:</b>

<b>SPECIAL GRAZING MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION</b>				
<b>Check off as completed</b>		<b>Circle Form or Tool used</b>		
<b>PURPOSES FOUND IN CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD 528</b>				
1 Improve or maintain the health and vigor of plant communities and meet the basic needs of livestock being managed 2 Reduce accelerated soil erosion, and maintain or improve soil condition. 3 Improve or maintain water quality and quantity. 4 Improve quantity and quality of forage for livestock health and productivity. 5 Improve or maintain the quantity and quality of food and/or cover available for wildlife. 6 Promote economic stability through grazing land sustainability				
<b>FOR ALL PURPOSES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1. Goals and Objectives</b> clearly stated	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1	<b>or</b>	MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2. Map</b> – Showing planned pasture layout, acres, fences, lanes, shade, shelter, watering areas, and other components of the grazing system. Include the main forage species in each grazable unit	Plan Map/Soil Map		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3. Resource Inventory</b> (i.e. Resource condition, existing structures, facilities, soil)	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz Template	<b>and</b>	Plan Map/Soil Map
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4. Forage Inventory</b> of the present and planned forage, quantity and species of forage in each management unit(s) during the grazing period.	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 4 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz Template	<b>and</b>	MD-RES-512-WS-1 MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2,5,6 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>5. General Forage – Animal Balance</b> developed as a sustainable grazing plan for the management unit(s), which insures forage produced or available meets forage demand of livestock and/or wildlife of concern.	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 6 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz Template	<b>and</b>	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2A <b>and</b> MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2B

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>6. Grazing Plan</b> developed for livestock that identifies periods of grazing, rest, and other treatment activities for each management unit.	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 & 5 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz Template <b>and</b> MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2A Worksheet 2B Worksheet 3	<b>or</b>	MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>7. Worksheet/Inventory</b> showing <i>recommended grazing heights</i> for desirable species in each field when turning into a pasture and minimum average grazing heights that the forage needs to be maintained at for pasture stand maintenance	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 4		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>8. Contingency Plan/Operation and Maintenance Plan</b> developed that details potential problems (i.e., severe drought, flooding) and serves as a guide for adjusting the grazing prescription to ensure resource management and economic feasibility without resource degradation	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 <b>or</b> MD C-Graz	<b>and</b>	MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>9. Monitoring Plan</b> developed with appropriate records to assess whether the grazing strategy is meeting objectives. Identify the key areas and key plants that the manager should evaluate in making grazing management decisions	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 4	<b>and</b>	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 5
In addition, <b>PURPOSE 3: IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY</b> (Conservation Practice Standard 528)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10. Plans to manage access to water courses</b> Information in the narrative and plan map	Plan Map	<b>and</b>	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 4
In addition, <b>PURPOSE 4: IMPROVE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF FORAGES</b> <b>PURPOSE 6: PROMOTE ECONOMIC STABILITY</b> (Conservation Practice Standard 528)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11. Detailed livestock/forage balance sheet</b> which inventories forage supply, quantity and quality, and animal classes, types and amounts	MD-CGraz and MD-CGraz Template and MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2 and Pasture Condition Score Card		

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12. A specific listing of additional feed</b> provided which may include hay, small grain and feed supplements that reduce animal food and forage needs from pasture	Detailed MD-RES-528 Worksheet 6 or GSAT or NUTBAL computer programs or equivalent or more detailed nutrition planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>13. For each herd, a detailed narrative, table, or schedule or grazing system design</b> recommended days in field or a computer program such as C-Graz or GSAT that documents this information.	Additional details:  MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2A MD-RES-528 Worksheet 2B MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 and MD-RES-528 Worksheet 5
In addition, <b>PURPOSE 5: IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF FOOD AND/OR COVER AVAILABLE FOR WILDLIFE.</b> (Conservation Practice Standard 528)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>14. Narrative of wildlife enhancement activities</b> document methods used to create diverse plant communities manage plant height, structure and density of desired wildlife habitat and provides rest from grazing during critical nesting periods.	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 or MD C-Graz and MD C-Graz Template and appropriate wildlife management sheets

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION:				
Check off as completed		Circle Form or Tool used		
<b>FOR ALL PURPOSES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.</b>			
	a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan (one or more may be required by agreement)	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 or narrative	or	MD C-Graz Template
	b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 or narrative	or	MD C-Graz Template
	c. List of facilitating practices	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 or	or	MD C-Graz Template

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Check off as completed		Circle Form or Tool used		
		narrative		
	d. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop grazing management plans.	MD-RES 528 Worksheets 2 - 6		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits. N/A	MD-RES-528 Worksheet 1 <b>or</b> narrative <b>and</b> additional practice specific documentation	<b>or</b>	MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Identify fields where practice to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.	Plan Map/Soil Map		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Specification or worksheets provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice and obtain necessary permits.	MD-RES 528 Worksheets 2 – 6 <b>and</b> additional practice specific documentation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Certification that the Grazing Management Plan meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations	Cover Letter Narrative	<b>or</b>	MD C-Graz Template
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Design modifications during installation as required	Practice specific documentation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Design work shall be in accordance with the Maryland Conservation Practice Standard. Plans shall be prepared in accordance with the <b><u>SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION, PLANNING INFORMATION, FIELD DATA, AND SURVEY NOTES</u></b> and <b><u>DESIGN DATA</u></b> sections of the Conservation Practice Standard	MD RES 528 Worksheets 1-7 written narratives	<b>or</b>	MD C-Graz Template